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1. SUMMARY. HUA KUO-FENG DEPARTED BUCHAREST FOR BELGRADE MORNING AUGUST 21 AFTER A BUSY WEEKEND WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS, A TOUR OF ROMANIA'S BLACK SEA COAST, A FEW HOURS OF PRIVATE TALKS WITH CEAUSESCU, AND A RETURN STATE DINNER IN WHICH THE TOASTS CAREFULLY AVOIDED CONTROVERSIAL TERMS WHILE MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANCE INTACT. UNSCHEDULED FOURTH ROUND OF OFFICIAL TALKS MORNING AGUSUT 18 PRODUCED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN ALL BUT NAME AND, COUPLED WITH A STRONG TASS STORY FROM PEKING, GAVE RISE TO RUMOR THAT SOVIETS HAD REACTED STRONGLY TO VISIT. ANALYTICAL CABLE FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. HUA KUO-FENG AND ENTOURAGE DEPARTED BUCHAREST FOR BELGRADE

1030 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 21. DEPARTURE CEREMONIES WERE GIVEN FULL RADIO-TV COVERAGE, AND RENT-A-CROWD GAVE HIM A BIG SEND-OFF.

3. FINAL THREE DAYS OF VISIT CONTINUED HECTIC PACE OF FIRST TWO (REFTEL), BUT HUA STUCK REASONABLY CLOSE TO ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE. MAJOR EXCEPTION WAS THREE HOUR UNSCHEDULED FOURTH ROUND OF OFFICIAL TALKS MORNING OF AUGUST 18. AS IN PREVIOUS THREE ROUNDS, FULL DELEGATIONS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THIS SESSION WHICH WAS ALSO FULLY COVERED BY MEDIA. PRINCIPAL RESULT WAS ISSUANCE OF A STATEMENT WHICH IS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN EVERYTHING BUT NAME. MESSAGE IS WRITTEN IN BLAND TERMS, LISTS PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH SIDES, AND DESCRIBES TALKS AS TAKING PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF "WARM FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, AND UNDERSTANDING." STATEMENT CALLS FOR "EXTENDING AND DEEPENING" BILATERAL RELATIONS "EVEN MORE" ON BASIS OF WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLES ON STATE LEVEL, THROUGH MASS ORGANIZATIONS, PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES, AND "EXCHANGES OF EXPERIENCE ON THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM". SPECIAL AREAS WILL BE TRADE, BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, CULTURE, EDUCATION, PRESS, RADIO, TV, TOURISM, AND SPORTS; NO MENTION WAS MADE OF MILITARY. ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS, BOTH SIDES AGREED ON "EXTREME IMPORTANCE" OF INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY COUNTRY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO WORK FOR ELIMINATION OF "IMPERIALIST, CONFIDENTIAL

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COLONIALIST, AND NEO-COLONIALIST POLICIES, AS WELL AS ANY FORM OF COMINATION AND DICTATE." HEGEMONISM WAS NOT MENTIONED BUT IS PRESUMABLY ONE OF THE "OTHER FORMS OF DOMINATION" THE CHINESE AT LEAST HAD IN MIND. BOTH SIDES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO WORK TOGETHER "IN THE WORLD ARENA" FOR JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS OF PRESSING PROBLEMS, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR "GREAT SATISFACTION" FOR THE "FULL SUCCESS AND FRUITFUL RESULTS" OF HUA'S VISIT ("A NEW AND IMPORTANT MOMENT IN THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION"), AND CEAUSESCU ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

4. IT WAS THIS FINAL UNSCHEDULED SESSION OF TALKS THAT ACCOUNTED FOR DELAY IN HUA'S ARRIVAL IN PLOIESTI AND, COUPLED WITH APPARENTLY STRONGLY-WORDED TASS STORY FROM PEKING, GAVE RISE TO RUMOR WHICH SWEEPED BUCHAREST AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 18 THAT SOVIETS HAD MADE STRONG PROTEST CAUSING AN "EMERGENCY" HUA-CEAUSESCU SESSION (BUCHAREST 5827, MUNICH 3944). ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY SUCH SOVIET REACTION. NEVERTHELESS, WE NOTE GOR CHARTERED UNPRECEDENTED SPECIAL PLANE TO MOVE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

ON TO BELGRADE BEFORE TASS STORY BROKE HERE. CONSEQUENTLY,
POSSIBILITY OF SOME KIND OF STRONG SOVIET RESPONSE TO HUA VISIT
WHICH DRIBBLED INTO SEMI-PUBLIC REALM, POSSIBLY IN
EXAGGERATED FORM, CANNOT BE ENTIRELY RULED OUT.

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5. REST OF HUA SCHEDULE WENT AS PLANNED. AFTER THE UN-
SCHEDULED FOURTH SESSION OF TALKS AUGUST 18, HE VISITED
A PLOIESTI PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT FACTORY, WHICH EXPORTS A
NUMBER OF ITS PRODUCTS TO CHINA, HAD LUNCH IN A CARPATHIAN
MOUNTIAN RESORT TOWN, VISITED A MAJOR TRACTOR AND TRUCK
FACTORY IN BRASOV, AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER
HOSTED BY LOCAL BRASOV PARTY AND STATE OFFICIALS. ON
AUGUST 19, HE FLEW TO CONSTANTA ON THE BLACK SEA, VISITED
ROMANIA'S MAJOR SHIPYARDS THERE, SPENT THE AFTERNOON TOURING
VARIOUS RESORT AREAS ALONG THE COAST, AND ATTENDED ANOTHER
DINNER IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY LOCAL ROMANIAN OFFICIALS.
ON AUGUST 20 HE VISITED A COOPERATIVE FARM, THEN RETURNED
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TO BUCHAREST AT MIDDAY. CEAUSESCU DID NOT ACCOMPANY HUA ON HIS PROVINCIAL SOJOURNS BUT DELEGATED THE ROLE TO PRIME MINISTER MANESCU. HUA DID NOT SPEAK, AND THE TWO DINNER TOASTS WERE GIVEN BY LESSER LIGHTS.

6. AFTERNOON AUGUST 20 HUA AND CEAUSESCU MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS OF PRIVATE TALKS WHICH RECEIVED ONLY THE BAREST COVERAGE BY ROMANIAN MEDIA. APPARENTLY THIS WAS THE ONLY OCCASION DURING ENTIRE VISIT FOR A QUIET TETE-A-TETE. THAT EVENING HUA HOSTED FORMAL RETURN BANQUET FOR CEAUSESCU AT CHINESE EMBASSY. TOASTS THIS TIME SHOW EVEN MORE CAREFUL DRAFTING THAN AT FIRST STATE DINNER (BUCHAREST 5788), IN EFFECT MAINTAINING SUBSTANCE BUT ROUNDING OFF SHARP EDGES. BOTH LEADERS NOTED APPROACHING AUGUST 23 ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY AND SPOKE AS THOUGH THERE WERE NO RED ARMY IN THE AREA IN 1944. HUA PLEDGED "FIRM" CHINESE SUPPORT TO ROMANIA'S EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY, STRESSED INTENSIFIED BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AJoint COMMISSION IN THIS FIELD, AND REPEATED CHINESE CONDEMNATION OF ANY LARGE COUNTRIES (UNSPECIFIED) PRESSURING OR EXPLOITING SMALLER ONES. CEAUSESCU NOTED THAT EACH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRY'S SUCCESS STRENGTHEN "SOCIALISM" WORLD WIDE AND THAT ROMANIAN-CHINESE TIES WILL HELP SOLVE WORLD PROBLEMS IN INTERESTS OF PEACE.

7. COMMENT: WE HOME TO HAVE FULLER READOUT ON WHAT NEW AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED DURING VISIT AS WELL AS FIRST IMPRESSIONS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT. WE WILL ALSO BE ALERT TO ITEMS IN STATE 211451.
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